



# FOOTSTEPS OF APOSTLE PAUL

## 10 DAY TOUR FROM ATHENS TO ATHENS

### DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

#### Day 1 ARRIVE IN ATHENS, GREECE

Welcome to Athens! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel.  
Dinner

#### Day 2 ATHENS-THESSALONIKA

Depart Athens for a scenic drive to Thessalonika.

**THESSALONIKA** An orientation drive includes the White Tower and Aristotelous Square. Visit Ag. Dimitros Basilika.

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

See Thessalonika's iconic 15th-century prison tower, standing 34-meters high. Hear the history of the Ottoman Empire and tragic ends of those who were imprisoned here. Pass Aristotelous Square. Breakfast/Dinner

#### Day 3 THESSALONIKA. EXCURSION TO PHILIPPI & KAVALA

Drive past Amphipolis and Apollonia along the route of St. Paul.

**PHILIPPI** Visit Lydia's Baptistery, the forum, ruins of the Basilicas, and the theatre.

**KAVALA** An orientation drive includes Neapolis of the Acts and St. Paul's mosaic. Free time for lunch.

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

Follow the path of St. Paul the Apostle where the disciple traveled in 49-50 CE to spread the Word of Christ. Visit the Greek Orthodox church and Baptistry of Saint Lydia, the first Greek and European woman baptized by the Apostle Paul. Visit the amazing ancient ruins of the Philippi's Roman Forum, the Basilicas, and Theater in the city that became the center of Christian faith following the visit of the Apostle Paul. Breakfast/Dinner

#### Day 4 THESSALONIKA-VERIA-METEORA-KALAMBAKA

**VERIA** Visit the Bema of Apostle Paul.

**METEORA** Visit the Holy Monastery of Varlaam and the Holy Monastery of St. Stephen. Enjoy a scenic drive en route to Kalambaka.

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

Visit the magnificent natural setting in Meteora where stratospheric rock formations surround the ancient monasteries perched on the clifftops. Here, gigantic rocky outcrops reach 600 meters high above the plains of Thessaly where you'll visit the stunning, red-roofed monasteries of Varlaam and St. Stephen. Breakfast/Dinner

#### Day 5 KALAMBAKA-ATHENS

Drive past Trikala en route to Lamia, and past Thermopylae en route to Athens.  
ATHENS Free time this evening.

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

Travel through the coastal floodplain of the Spercheios river, surrounded by sloping forested limestone mountains and the thermal springs of Thermopylae. Greek Spartans, Thebans, and Thespians fought Persian invaders during the historic Battle of Thermopylae. Breakfast

#### Day 6 ATHENS (EMBARKATION)-MYKONOS

ATHENS Embark on your Mediterranean cruise through the Greek Islands and Turkey.  
MYKONOS Free time this afternoon and evening.

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

Explore the whitewashed paradise of Mykonos with its iconic windmills. Named after Apollo's grandson, Mykonos offers a wealth of treasures to discover in its cafes, shops, and picturesque lanes. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

#### Day 7 CRUISING: KUSADASI, TURKEY-EXCURSION TO EPHEBUS-PATMOS, GREECE

Take a guided visit to the Ephesus Archaeological site in the city where St. Paul wrote many "Letters to the Corinthians." See the House of Mary, where the Blessed Mother spent her final days.  
PATMOS Enjoy free time to explore the island.

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

Explore one of the largest Roman archaeological sites in the eastern Mediterranean with a visit to Ephesus, Turkey. Excavations of this UNESCO World Heritage Site have revealed grand monuments of the Roman Imperial era. See the domed cruciform House of Mary, a revered Christian pilgrimage site in this once Roman port city and sea channel.  
Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

#### Day 8 CRUISING: HERAKLION, CRETE-SANTORINI

HERAKLION Take a guided visit to the Minoan Palace of Knossos.  
SANTORINI Visit the island (weather permitting). Free time this afternoon.

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

Visit the extraordinary royal ruins of the Minoan Palace of Knossos, where Greek mythology tells the story of King Minos and a heroic prince who battled the mighty Minotaur for the hand of a princess in Heraklion. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

#### Day 9 ATHENS (DISEMBARKATION)-CORINTH-ATHENS

ATHENS Disembark your cruise and take a scenic drive to the Corinth Canal with a photo stop.  
CORINTH Enjoy a guided visit to the excavations, including Agora and St. Paul's Bema, where the Christian missionary faced the Forum's court.  
ATHENS A guided sightseeing tour includes visits to the Areopagus and the Acropolis. Stop for a photo opportunity at the Panathenaic Stadium—site of the first Olympic Games. Enjoy free time before a farewell dinner at your hotel.

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

Athens conjures visions of Greek gods and goddesses, and robe-draped philosophers and politicians. You'll see the iconic sites of the Acropolis in the ancient city where mythology, philosophy, and Christianity flourished in the "birthplace of civilization." Stop at the all-marble Panathenaic Stadium where the first modern Olympic Games took place. The Olympic flame is passed to the current host nations to begin the modern games still today. Breakfast/Dinner

#### Day 10 ATHENS

Safe travels until we meet again!  
Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.  
Breakfast

<b>Departure Details</b>	<b>Tour Start Date</b>	<b>Return Date</b>	<b>Land/Cruise Price Only</b>
Celestyal Olympia	4/2/2023	4/11/2023	\$2,930
Celestyal Olympia	4/16/2023	4/25/2023	\$3,040
Celestyal Olympia	4/30/2023	5/9/2023	\$3,150
Celestyal Olympia	5/14/2023	5/23/2023	\$3,150
Popular Departure Celestyal Olympia	5/28/2023	6/6/2023	\$3,150
Celestyal Olympia	6/11/2023	6/20/2023	\$3,150
Popular Departure Celestyal Olympia	6/25/2023	7/4/2023	\$3,150
Celestyal Olympia	7/9/2023	7/18/2023	\$3,150
Celestyal Olympia	7/23/2023	8/1/2023	\$3,150
Celestyal Olympia	8/6/2023	8/15/2023	\$3,150
Popular Departure Celestyal Olympia	8/20/2023	8/29/2023	\$3,150
Popular Departure Celestyal Olympia	9/3/2023	9/12/2023	\$3,230
Celestyal Olympia	9/17/2023	9/26/2023	\$3,230
Popular Departure Celestyal Olympia	10/1/2023	10/10/2023	\$3,040
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Celestyal Olympia	4/28/2024	5/7/2024	\$3,320
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Celestyal Olympia	9/1/2024	9/10/2024	\$3,420
Celestyal Olympia	9/15/2024	9/24/2024	\$3,350
Celestyal Olympia	9/29/2024	10/8/2024	\$3,250